Photos of Death Probe--DA

Show Official with Bullet in JFK Case, Claim

District Attorney Jim Garrison submitted to The Times-Picayune Tuesday photographs which he says show an official picking up one of the bullets used to kill President John F. Kennedy.

He said the bullet was never introduced into evidence before the Warren Commission.

"This is just another instance," he said, "of the pattern of deception by the federal government in which evidence has been systematically concealed or destroyed. In this instance, however, the fraudulent activity of federal agencies and officials is here exposed by these photographs."

In the press release submitted with the photographs, the source of the pictures was not mentioned. Garrison could not be immediately reached for comment.

Garrison said one of the pictures shows a man "obviously holding official investigative status" leaning down to pick up the bullet as he is observed by a Dallas police officer and deputy sheriff.

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In another picture, Garrison said, the official has become aware of the photographer and has turned his head away "but it can be seen that he is now holding the bullet clenched in his left hand."

"Our inquiry into the status of this official picking up the bullet has indicated that he is apparently an investigative agent of the federal government — employed either by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Secret Service."

Garrison said the dark splotches on the ground in the pictures are pieces of matter from President Kennedy's head. A large portion of the President's skull was subsequently found near the scenes of the pictures, he added.

The sign-clock on the top of the Texas School Book Depository, which is visible in the background of the second picture, reads 12:40 Kennedy was shot at 12:30 p. m.

'HAD TO KNOW'

"These photographs indicate," the district attorney said, "that long before the fraudulent announcement describing Lee Harvey Oswald as the lone assassin, the federal government had to know that this large caliber bullet was used in the assassination. Consequently, the federal government had to know that—inasmuch as it is impossible to fire a .45-caliber bullet from a 6.5 Mannlicher-Carcano —there had to be a number of individuals firing at the President."

Garrison said the bullet picked up in the photographs was a .45 caliber one.

He also said that when Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby the federal government "had

to know that the real assassins of the President were simply getting rid of the patsy so that he could not testify against them—as well as federal employes and officials who might be involved."

"These photographs explain why the federal government has so long concealed the autopsy photographs — the 22 color photographs and 18 black and white photographs — and has kept them under lock and key in concrete vaults," Garrison maintained.

The photographs also explain, he said:

—Why not a single member of the Warren Commission dared to look at these autopsy photographs — because they knew that they would see wounds caused by gunshots from a number of directions.

—Why the United States Justice Department under Ramsey Clark has worked so diligently to obstruct any legitimate investigation and to interfere with any trials connected with this case.

—The President of the United States, by executive order, concealed vital files and important evidence so that no one could see them for 75 years.

He said the photographs indicate that President Lyndon B. Johnson must know that the Warren Commission's conclusion is a fraud and that the people of the United States have been fooled.

There is no alternative but to conclude the entire assassination investigation and the Warren Commission inquiry comprised an "elaborate camouflage designed to protect the assassins of President Kennedy as well as the men behind them," Garrison said.

IN THIS PICTURE, Garrison said the official has observed the photographer and has turned away, but can be seen clutching the bullet in his hand. The sign-clock on top of the Texas School Book Depository in background reads 12:40, 10 minutes after the President was shot.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY Jim Garrison said Tuesday that this picture shows an official bending down to pick up one of the bullets which killed President Kennedy. Garrison said the bullet was never introduced as evidence before the Warren Commission and indicates the "fraudulent activity of federal agencies."